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Editorial

JAST has made considerable progress in its 30th anniversary year. The number—and quality—of submissions was much higher in 2016 than in the previous year: we received twice the number of papers, of a generally higher scientific standard. As a consequence, the rejection rate has increased as we have had to be more selective in publishing high-quality scientific work. Interestingly, submissions in 2016 covered **several topics** in the fields of dental adhesion, mortar and cement, and corrosion, submitted by authors predominantly from Asia Pacific, Europe and North America. However, the Impact Factor of JAST did not increase in 2016 and actions are being taken to **increase it** in the coming years.

While the area of wood adhesion is well covered by the Associate Editor Prof. Milan Sernek, the Editor-in-Chief of JAST felt that the growing number of submissions in dental adhesion necessitated the appointment of a new Associate Editor with a strong reputation in that field, and so we are delighted to announce that Prof. Mutlu Özcan has been appointed Associate Editor from 2017. Prof. Özcan has a degree in dental surgery and a Ph.D. on “Adhesion to Dental Biomaterials”. After working **as Professor** of “Clinical Dental Biomaterials” at the University of Groningen in The Netherlands, since 2009 she has been the Head of the Dental Materials Unit at the University of Zürich in Switzerland. Her research in the field of “Adhesive Dentistry” has helped to make certain dental **therapies** less invasive. We expect that the new structure of the editorial board, with new members working alongside the new Associate Editor, will develop the area of dental adhesion in JAST.

The Editorial Board has therefore changed. We would like to thank Prof. Çetin Çetinkaya, Prof. Claudio Della Volpe, Prof. Larry DeVries, and Prof. Dai Gil Lee for their dedication in serving JAST in the past. We would like to welcome the new appointed members of the Editorial Board who will cover the areas of mortar and cement (Prof. Madani Bederina), corrosion (Prof. Irme Basseyy Obot), and dental adhesion and technologies (Dr. Hanadi Yousif Marghalani, Prof. Virgil-Florin Duma, Prof. Fusun Özer, Prof. Alireza Sadr, Prof. Paulo Cesar, Prof. Antonio Cerutti, Dr. Funda Öztürk-Bozkurt, Prof. Ricardo Carvalho, Prof. Rodrigo Souza, Dr. Vera Colombo).

We would like to welcome the new board members and we are sure that they will have a positive impact in improving the standard of submissions and the speed of peer review in JAST.

It is our sincere ambition to make JAST *the* journal of reference in the broad area of Adhesion Science and Technology. Needless to say, high quality submissions are the vehicle for reaching this target!

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